

On Thursday, December 3, 2009, the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee will hold a hearing titled: "Post-Katrina Recovery: Restoring Health Care in the New Orleans Region." The hearing will examine what progress has been made to repair and augment the post-Katrina New Orleans region's critical health care infrastructure and what challenges still remain. More specifically, it seeks to understand: the role now played by the roughly 90 primary care clinics supported in part with temporary federal funding after the storm; whether these clinics are financially sustainable; and when, or if, key public hospitals will be rebuilt. The hearing will also examine what additional stresses to the region may occur as a result of expected reductions in Medicaid funding.

The hearing will take place at 10:00 a.m. in room 2154 Rayburn House Office Building.

To view a webcast of the hearing: [Click Here](#)

The Witnesses scheduled to testify are:

Panel I

Ms. Cynthia A. Bascetta
Director, Health Care
United States Government Accountability Office

Dr. Diane Rowland
Executive Vice President
The Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation

Dr. Donald T. Erwin
President and Chief Executive Officer, Nephrology
Saint Thomas Community Health Center

Mr. Michael G. Griffin
President and Chief Executive Officer
Daughters of Charity Services of New Orleans

Ms. Alice Craft-Kerney
Executive Director
Lower 9th Ward Health Clinic

Dr. Karen B. Desalvo
Vice Dean for Community Affairs and Health Policy

Covenant House Clinic
Tulane University School of Medicine

Dr. Roxanne A. Townsend
Assistant Vice President, Health Systems
University Hospital
Louisiana State University System

Panel II

Dr. Marcia K. Brand
Deputy Administrator, Health Resources and Services Administration
United States Department of Health and Human Services

Mr. Alan Levine
Secretary
Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals

Dr. Joia Crear-Perry
Director of Clinical Services
City of New Orleans Health Department

Mr. Clayton Williams
Director
Louisiana Public Health Institute

Documents and Links

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